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Sojourner House MOMS to Offer Ten Additional Families Supportive Housing

By Lisa Wolfe
The Bulletin

Sojourner House's Motivation, Opportunities, Mentoring and Spirituality (MOMS) program recently announced the "take-off" of MOMS Phase II. Sojourner House MOMS is an East Liberty-based program that helps women learn to break the inter-generational cycle of poverty and chemical abuse while living in their own apartment with their children.

Following the success of its first apartment complex in East Liberty, Sojourner House MOMS will soon open three additional residences in East Liberty. The residences will offer 10 families permanent supportive housing along with services necessary for the women to continue their recovery, reunite their family and move

toward self-sufficiency.

According to Kathy Froehle, vice president of the Sojourner House board of directors, construction on the additional residences has already begun. The units will be modular in nature and will be located near the current MOMS apartment complex. Most of the units will have three bedrooms, allowing the women and their family members to live comfortably while transitioning to independent living.

To be eligible to participate in the Sojourner House residential rehabilitation program, women must be 18 years of age or older and have at least one child age 12 or younger, or be actively seeking custody of a child, or

be pregnant. MOMS, however, is not as strict as Sojourner House's residential rehabilitation program. MOMS will allow children over the age of 12 to reside with their mothers. In some cases, extended family members may also reside in the apartment along with the women and their children.

"We estimate that all together, MOMS will offer supportive case management, referral and transportation to health, education, and recreation resources to some 50 children," said Norma Raiff, Sojourner House executive director. "Families will be provided with not just a house, but with the education and encouragement needed to promote healthy family life."

MOMS is a step-up in the continuum

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Garfield New Home Sales Moving Briskly

By Wanda Murray
Garfield Jubilee Association



Rick Swartz / Bloomfield-Garfield Corp.

The latest group of new, single-family homes to be built in Garfield is finding a market of interested buyers, with 5 of the 8 units sold even before construction was completed, according to Joann Monroe, executive director of Garfield Jubilee Association.

The homes, located in the 4800 and 4900 blocks of Broad St., and the 4900 block of Dearborn St., are being built under a partnership between Garfield Jubilee and Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation. They bring to 23 the number of new homes built by the two groups since 2002. Plans call for another 8 homes to be under construction in the early part of 2007, once all of the necessary financing is in place.

Six of the homes feature 3 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths, and are priced from \$119,900 to \$127,900. Two offer 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, and are selling for \$130,900. Amenities include parking pads, security systems, insulated walls and roof, high-efficiency furnaces, and basements that can be finished as future family rooms. Five of the homes also allow for wheelchair access from the rear.

"We've worked very hard to make

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"Smart People" in Friendship Friendship Home Featured in Upcoming Independent Film

By Mandy Kendall
The Bulletin

There's no doubt about it - Smart People had a big presence in Friendship this past month.

And while there are surely a lot of intelligent people in the Friendship neighborhood, this Smart People refers to the independent film, produced by award-winning producer Bridget Johnson (Jerry McGuire, As Good as It Gets), that was partially filmed at a house on S.Graham Street in November and December 2006.

Right before Thanksgiving, a film crew descended upon the house of Tom and Kim Mangan, remodeling and repainting the home they had just purchased, to turn it into the home of

Lawrence Wetherhold (Dennis Quaid), a pompous English professor, who, following his wife's death, has become nothing more than a scourge to his students and emotionally absent father to his two children. Wetherhold falls for a former student, (Sarah Jessica Parker) and must deal with Chuck (Thomas Hayden Church), his trouble-making adopted brother in what Johnson describes as a "dysfunctional family comedy."

Production designer Patti Podesta (Momento, Bobby), whose job it is to lead the art department of the film in selecting locations and defining the palates and the look of the film, says

that the crew scouted several locations throughout Pittsburgh before finally deciding on the Graham Street house. "This was the first house where we said 'this could work!'" Podesta said. The home was selected, Podesta says,



Photo by Bruce Birmelin

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PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE REPORT

Police Charge Three in East End Burglary String

City detectives have cracked a string of several dozen bur-

glaries and thefts in the East End with the arrests of two Homewood men and a Garfield man in recent months. Detective Mike Pilyih told The Bulletin in December that Charles Hicks, 47, has been charged with 22 counts of burglary at a number of area businesses, some of which are located on Baum Boulevard, Centre Avenue, and Penn Avenue. Hicks is currently awaiting trial after being arrested in August at the Waterworks Mall, driving a car that reportedly was linked to one of the businesses he allegedly burglarized.

The other case involves the arrest of Richard Thompson, 42, as part of an investigation that Pilyih said is still unfolding. According to police, he is also thought to have been involved in multiple burglaries, at least 3 of which were in the Friendship area.

Lt. Bill Mathias of the city police told the BGC's Public Safety Task Force on December 13th that "these arrests are real-

By Richard Swartz
For the Public Safety Task Force

ly big. The burglaries both men are charged with, together, number in the dozens, stretching from Highland Park to Oakland. And there could be more. Thompson's case is still developing, so we're not sure yet as to the full scope of the crimes he may have committed."

City police also arrested Robby Arturus Smith, 35, of Garfield on December 13th while housed in the county jail on burglary and other unrelated charges. Smith is charged with 13 counts of burglary and 12 counts of theft in connection with break-ins in the Garfield and Highland Park neighborhoods, where copper piping was removed from the properties. Mathias also told the task force that 3 officers have been pulled from the Impact Squad and assigned to Chief Nate Harper's office to investigate crime-related calls from city residents on Mayor Luke Ravenstahl's newly-established 3-1-1 line. He did say that another class of recruits is being assembled, and should be enrolled in the city's training academy by mid-winter.

PSTF Criminal Activity Report

The following is a summary of arrests made in the Garfield-Bloomfield area by city narcotics and vice detectives during the month of November:

- On Wednesday, November 1, at 4:50 p.m., detectives from the Impact Squad stopped a 20 year-old male in the 5400 block of Kincaid Street. The detectives had knowledge of active warrants for the individual in question. During their search of his person, incidental to the arrest, the detectives recovered marijuana and crack cocaine. The individual was subsequently charged with possession of marijuana and possession of, with intent to deliver, crack cocaine.

- On Friday, November 3, at 1:50 a.m., detectives from the Impact Squad stopped a motor vehicle in the 5300 block of Fern Street for traffic violations. The detectives received the consent of the 45 year-old individual driving the vehicle to search him. The detectives found 10 bags of powdered cocaine on his person. He was arrested and charged with intent to deliver cocaine.

- On Monday, November 6, at 2:25 p.m., detectives observed a 24 year-old male exiting the Penn-Aiken Dairy at 5301 Penn. Detectives further observed this male to be holding a plastic bag in his left hand which appeared to be holding a quantity of an unknown controlled substance. Detectives approached the male, and called for him to stop. The individual placed the plastic bag into a coat pocket, and turned towards the officers, saying "No, man, I have to go back inside." Detectives then grabbed what appeared to be a bag of marijuana from the left front coat pocket. The bag contained 7 individually knotted baggie corners of marijuana. A second bag was also found on his person, containing 21 baggies similarly knotted. A Smith & Wesson 9mm handgun was also recovered from his person. The actor could not produce a valid PA permit for the weapon. He was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, with the intent to deliver, and with carrying an unlicensed firearm.

- On Wednesday, November 8, at 12:40 a.m., detectives from the Investigation Squad were conducting surveillance in the 5200 block of Dearborn Street. There had been a series of complaints from citizens about drug trafficking in the area. During their surveillance, the detectives observed an 18 year-old male with a pill bottle. The male was placing what appeared to be individually-wrapped pieces of crack cocaine into the pill bottle. The male was stopped, searched, and found to have 10 such pieces of crack cocaine in the bottle. He was arrested and charged with possession of, with intent to deliver, crack cocaine.

- On Wednesday, November 8, at 4:15 p.m., detectives from the Impact Squad observed

Operation Weed & Seed: "Growing" Crime Fighting Initiatives in City Neighborhoods

"It's important to see our program as a catalyst," says

By Angele Ellis
Public Safety Task Force Coordinator

/Garfield/Garfield Heights will end in 2008.

Corey Connors, coordinator for Pittsburgh's Operation Weed & Seed, which since 1998 has provided resources to help fight crime in East Liberty, Garfield, and Larimer. "We're counting on strong community organizations to do the heavy lifting in building sustainable efforts."

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice and under the leadership of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Weed & Seed is a joint federal, state, and local program, co-chaired in Pittsburgh by Mayor Luke Ravenstahl and U.S. Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan. Its name comes from its commitment to "weed out" violent crime and drug abuse, and to "seed" a variety of community services related to crime prevention.

Since being launched in Pittsburgh in the 1990's, Weed & Seed has reduced crime by more than 41 percent in targeted neighborhoods, increasing residents' perception that their neighborhoods are safer places.

One of its striking successes in 2006 was the seizure of 2.2 pounds of heroin and \$2.3 million in hidden drug monies. Weed & Seed also supports conflict resolution programs of the Pittsburgh Mediation Center and Victims of Violence.

The program currently is administering federal grants in East Liberty/Larimer/Garfield/Garfield Heights and Lawrenceville (Upper, Central, and Lower), and is developing federal sites in the West End, Northside, and South Pittsburgh. Its involvement in East Liberty/Larimer

One of Weed & Seed's primary goals is to develop standing subcommittees whose members will be drawn not only from law enforcement, but also from neighborhood community organizations.

"We are reaching out to communities that have the greatest need," says Corey Connors, "and in order to go beyond the life of our grants, we need to identify how we can best serve those communities."

At a Nov. 28, 2006 meeting in East Liberty, Weed & Seed established four community subcommittees: Law Enforcement; Community Oriented Policing; Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment, and Neighborhood Restoration. The subcommittees are open and interested in recruiting new members.

Each subcommittee will write a strategic plan for using start-up money provided by Weed & Seed to spur new and ongoing crime-fighting initiatives. From this plan, each subcommittee will identify one or two "critical programs" to work on in the upcoming months.

"We've started the conversation to develop ideas and partnerships with community groups," says Connors. "I'm encouraged that we can build the trust we need to help fill community needs."

For information on joining one of the Operation Weed & Seed subcommittees, contact Corey Connors at corey.connors@city.pittsburgh.pa.us or 412-255-4772 (Fax: 412-255-2988).

Zone Meetings

If you would like to stay up-to-date with police efforts in your area, then please attend one of the monthly zone meetings, held by each zone's police dept.

The Zone 5 Meeting is held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the Zone 5 Police Station in East Liberty. For more information, call Zone 5 at 412-665-3605.

The Zone 2 Public Safety Council Meeting is held the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Hill House. For more information, call Zone 2 at 412-255-2827

Pennsylvania State Minimum Wage to Increase Effective January 1st

As of January 1, 2007, Pennsylvania workers who are paid

By Mandy Kendall
The Bulletin

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at or slightly above minimum wage are due to see an increase in their paychecks as the state's minimum wage rises from \$5.15 to \$6.25 an hour.

The increase is the first phase in implementing the state's new Minimum Wage Law, Act 112 of 2006. A second increase, which will bring the minimum wage to \$7.15, will take place in July 2007.

The wage increase will only be applicable for businesses with 10 or more full-time employees. Smaller businesses (businesses with the equivalent of 10 or fewer full-time employees) are being given extra time to comply with the law, and are only being required to pay a minimum wage of \$5.65 an hour by Jan. 1, 2007; \$6.65 an hour by July 1, 2007; and \$7.15 an hour by July 1, 2008.

The new minimum wage does not apply to all workers, however. Under the new law, employers may pay workers under age 20 a "training wage" of \$5.15 per hour for up to the first 60 days of their employment. Following this 60-day period, the employee must be paid the regular minimum wage.

In addition, tipped employees (waiters, etc.) will see their minimum wage remain at \$2.83. Employers are required to make up the difference an employee's wages and tips do not equal the new minimum wage. The tip credit applies only if an employee received more than \$30.00 in tips during a month. If an employee does not receive more than \$30.00 per month in tips, the employer must pay the regular minimum wage.

Pennsylvania joins 18 other states and the District of Columbia that, as of U.S. Department of Labor information updated in April 2006, have state minimum wages above the federal minimum wage of \$5.15/hour, where it has remained since 1997. Those states include Alaska (\$7.15); Arkansas (\$6.25); California

Delaware (\$6.15); Florida (\$6.40, adjusted for inflation every Jan 1.); Hawaii (\$7.25); Illinois (\$6.50); Maine (\$6.50); Maryland (\$6.15); Massachusetts (\$7.50 as of Jan 1, 2007); Michigan (\$6.95); Minnesota (\$6.15 large employers, \$5.25 small employers); New Jersey (\$7.15); New York (\$7.15 as on Jan 1, 2007); Oregon (\$7.50, adjusted for inflation every Jan 1.); Rhode Island (\$7.40 as of Jan 1, 2007); Vermont, (\$7.25, to be adjusted every Jan 1 beginning in 2007); Washington (\$7.63, adjusted for inflation every Jan 1.); and Wisconsin (\$5.70); along with the District of Columbia (\$7.00). Several other states have minimum wage increases scheduled beginning in mid-2007.

The federal minimum wage was first introduced in 1955 when the rate was set at \$.75/hour. At that time, the minimum wage had a buying power of \$4.39 in 1996 dollars, according to the U.S. Department of Labor; that buying power reached its peak in 1968, when the buying power of the minimum wage reached \$7.21 in 1996 dollars. The current minimum wage of \$5.15/hour has the lowest buying power in history, according to the U.S. DOL, at \$4.04 in 1996 dollars.

More information on Pennsylvania's new Minimum Wage Law can be found on the state's web site: www.state.pa.us, PA Keyword: Labor Laws, or by contacting the local Bureau of Labor Law Compliance, with the Pittsburgh regional Office located at 1201 State Office Building, 300 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1210. The office can also be reached by telephone by calling 1-877-504-8354 or 412-565-5300.

More information on the federal minimum wage and other state's minimum wage laws can be found on the U.S. Department of Labor website at <http://www.dol.gov>.

"Marriage Works" Begins New Classes for East End Couples

Married, pre-marital and co-habiting couples with children under the ages of 18 who are looking to strengthen their relationship are invited to take part in the second offering of classes presented by the Marriage Works Program.

The program is open to those who reside in Homewood, Lincoln Lemington, East Liberty or Garfield This year, Marriage Works participants will also have the opportunity to participate in the Family Savings Program, which gives couples \$2000 for every \$2000 they save towards the purchase of a new home, to start a new business, or higher education.

Classes, which begin January 8, will be held at the following locations:

Bethany Baptist Church
7745 Tioga Street
Tuesdays, 6 - 9 p.m.

Cornerstone Baptist Church
1701 Lincoln Avenue
Thursdays, 6-9 p.m.

Eastminster Presbyterian Church
250 N. Highland Ave.

Mondays, 6 - 9 p.m.

Lighthouse Community Fellowship 5341 Kincaid Street
Tuesdays, 6 - 9 p.m.

Deliverance Baptist Church
812 Swissvale Avenue
Wednesday, 6-9 p.m.

Homewood Library
7101 Hamilton Avenue
Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. - noon

Parental Stress Center
5877 Commerce Street
Saturdays, 9:30a.m. - noon

For more information or to register for classes, please call 412-352-0602. More information can also be found online by visiting www.cubm.org/marriage.htm, www.familyguidance.net, or by e-mailing themarriageworks@cubm.org. The Marriage Works Program is made possible by a grant from the Administration for Children & Families and the Health Services Children's Bureau.

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THE BLOOMFIELD-GARFIELD CORP'S EYESORE PROPERTY OF THE MONTH

Each month we highlight either property owners whose neglect hurts the neighborhood or those who have admirably maintained or renovated their properties. Properties are nominated by community members. To nominate a property for either Eyesore or Showcase Property of the Month, please call Aggie Brose at 412-441-6950.

When The Good is Overshadowed by the Bad...

The property at 113 South Evaline was nominated for Eyesore of the Month. According to the Allegheny County Real Estate Web Site, Paul Siebert, John R. Lubarski and Frank H. Tipton are the recorded owners. The mailing address for tax bills is 223 S. Winebiddle Street. The property taxes are current.

The Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) staff visited the property and found that it does fit the criteria of an eyesore. There were a great deal of weeds and debris in the back yard, alongside the property and on the front porch. The side basement window was open. Even though the first floor entries are boarded up, which the Bureau of Building Inspection (BBI) would categorize as "safe and sound", there appear to be a number of code violations on the structure.

Alcohol containers, used condoms and various other unsanitary debris indicate that its likely that various negative social behaviors are occurring on and around the premises.

BGC staff contacted the BBI and found that there were no citations against the property.

In researching the property and speaking to one of the owners, John Lubarski, we found that these owners have been responsible for some of the first private investment on Penn Avenue in a number of years, and have done a lot of good on the avenue.

In 1984, they purchased a vacant building at 5100 Penn Avenue and also a long-abandoned house behind it. They renovated the building and demolished the house for parking. To this date, the building is occupied and houses a bank branch and non-profit agency.

In 1990, they purchased another vacant three-story building at 5150 Penn Avenue and renovated it for use as offices for another non-profit agency.

In 1998, they moved on purchasing a parking lot from the Public Parking Authority at Penn Avenue and North Winebiddle Street to provide additional parking for tenants at 5100 Penn Avenue.

Also, when several row houses in Comrie Way, (across South Winebiddle from this property) were razed following a serious fire, they purchased that property for parking as well.

In 2000, they purchased a building at 5152 Penn Avenue which had been vacant and which now houses a furniture store.

All of these endeavors created positive change in the neighborhood.

Then, in 2000, they purchased 113 South Evaline Street which was a vacant and abandoned house. Their plan was to demolish the house, create a grassy area with eight parking spaces complimented by shrubs, which would have provided parking for employees and clients for 5150 Penn Avenue. This plan was approved by the City of



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Pittsburgh, but the plan it was resisted by the nearby residents at that time, and nothing has yet been done with the property.

These investors have committed to the BGC to continue to board, clean and secure the property at 113 South Evaline Street. However, at this time they have no other plans.

We appreciate these investors for all of their good work in the community over the past 20+ years. But, we stressed that they need to give 113 South Evaline Street the attention it requires to avoid a possible condemnation of the property by the City for the conditions noted above. They have agreed to a better job of policing the premises, and we will work with the owners to monitor their consistent efforts in that regard.

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A Message from Councilman William Peduto



From Councilman William Peduto

As the holiday season comes to a close, I want to wish everyone success and good health in 2007. The beginning of the year always offers us an opportunity to start again and put our best foot forward. This is also a time to reflect on exciting possibilities for Pittsburgh. I am looking forward to continuing the community-based economic development initiatives that I've worked on in the past. I believe that this type of development model can revitalize our neighborhoods and herald in a new era for Pittsburgh.

What does community-based economic development mean? It means that development plans to stimulate

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City Council Declares November 28, 2006 "Becky Mingo Day"



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From Friendship Development Associates

On Tuesday, November 28, City Councilman Bill Peduto gave a proclamation declaring the day "Becky Mingo Day!" Becky was recognized for all of her hard work and dedication to the Friendship community and to the Friendship Development Associates. It is a very huge honor for Becky to have all of her hard work in Friendship recognized in this way! All three Council representatives from our area said the kindest of words and hailed Becky for her hard work and accomplishments throughout her 11-year tenure as Executive Director of FDA. It was a lovely ceremony and was very moving!

Congratulations Becky!

Garfield's "Baby Twerps" Football Team Honored with City Council Proclamation



Photo Courtesy of The Office of Councilwoman Twanda Carlisle

ON DECEMBER 5, 2006, GARFIELD YOUTH SPORTS' BABY TWERPS FOOTBALL TEAM, WITH PLAYERS RANGING IN AGE FROM FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS OLD, WERE HONORED IN CITY COUNCIL FOR THEIR UNDEFEATED 2006 SEASON AND THIRD CHAMPIONSHIP. THE BABY TWERPS, ONE OF EIGHT TEAMS WHICH MAKE UP THE GARFIELD GATORS AND GATORETTES, DEFEATED TEAMS FROM HOMEWOOD, NORTHSIDE, LINCOLN/LEMINGTON, CLAIRTON, THE KINGSLEY ASSOCIATION, WILKINSBURG AND THE HILL DISTRICT TO TAKE THE CHAMPIONSHIP. THE PROCLAMATION HONORING THEIR WINNING SEASON WAS SPONSORED BY DISTRICT 9 COUNCILWOMAN TWANDA CARLISLE.



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S I M P L E

Professional Organizer Carol Briney offers suggestions and answers your questions about overcoming the clutter in your life.



What is on Your Agenda for 2007?

Here it is another new year. What are your plans? Are you challenging yourself? What are your dreams and aspirations? I suggest that this year you move out of your own way and begin to have the life you have always dreamed about. We all have many resources available to us. Why not use them to make the changes you desire?

Do you remember when you were a kid and no dream was too big? You could walk on the moon, be a cowboy, or even be a major league athlete. Unfortunately too many of us were told to quit dreaming. "Face the facts and grow up," we were told.

Well I say hooley to that. I urge you to dream again. I urge you, as you plan for the New Year, dream big, make detailed plans, state your intentions and then go out and actually make things happen. Find out what it will take to get what you want out of life.

We live in absolutely amazing times. We have more knowledge at our fingertips than complete libraries had 50

By Carol Briney
Professional Organizer

years ago. We can learn from home, we can go to school, we can become an apprentice, and we can find a home-based business. We can change the world starting right in our own little corner.

As the great Gandhi said, "Become the change you wish to see." I am convinced that each of us has greatness within us. Some of us have businesses to start, others have books to write, while other of us may have children to raise, volunteering to do, or charities to start.

Oprah Winfrey, Bill Gates, Lance Armstrong, and Nelson Mandela stand out as individuals who have transformed our world. Each of them came from lesser means and, simply put, made lemonade out of lemons. Each of these people has made huge changes in our world. Were they born great? I don't believe so. They just had a vision, stuck with it and moved heaven and earth to make it happen.

I believe it is important to live life

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of services for addicted parenting women. Women participating in this program are not required to go through Sojourner House's treatment program. Sojourner House MOMS accepts referrals from a variety of agencies throughout the Pittsburgh region.

Women in the MOMS program, are able to take GED or higher education courses, attend job training sessions and work. The Sojourner House staff works to teach the women in the MOMS program family and child management skills. The staff also provides crisis intervention, case management and support services as needed.

MOMS residents pay a portion of their housing and program fees and live independently, though the on-site staff is available for support. Sojourner House MOMS is staffed by experienced health professionals, counselors and recovery specialists.

There is no time limit on how long women and their children may live in a MOMS apartment.

"A woman may stay in the program as long as she needs to as long as she continues to meet the criteria of the program," said Froehle. "This is not a time-box type thing. This is a housing program. We want to ensure that the women in the program make the transition to independent living successfully. It will take different amounts of time for that to happen based on indi-

vidualized conditions."

"At Sojourner House MOMS, it's not enough for us to give homeless women and their children a place to live. We want to address the underlying issues that caused them to become homeless in the first place. That way, we can end the cycle of despair once and for all," said Raiff.

The MOMS program was recently named the Citizens Bank and WPXI-TV Champion in Action for the fourth quarter of 2006 under the category of housing/homelessness.

Sojourner House MOMS began in 2002 as a partnership between Sojourner House, East Liberty Development Inc., and Negley Place Neighborhood Alliance. In 2002, these three community partners recognized the housing need for families headed by women with a dual diagnosis of drug and alcohol dependence and a mental health disorder and started working to combat that problem through the MOMS Program.

On Feb. 22, 2007, a chocolate tasting event benefiting Sojourner House MOMS will be held at the original MOMS facility. Froehle hopes that the Sojourner House board will be able to announce the completion of the new MOMS program residences at the event. For more information about Sojourner House and the MOMS program, visit www.sojournerhousepa.org.

Active Generations

Mature Volunteers Needed for Fort Pitt Physical Activity Program

If you are 50 years of age and older and would like to make a difference in the life of a child, OASIS is looking for you.

OASIS, a national education organization, located in Macy's Department Store in Pittsburgh provides educational, cultural and wellness programs to adults 50 years of age and older.

OASIS is recruiting older adult volunteer mentors to assist in our Active Generations after school program targeting children in 3rd to 5th grade at Ft. Pitt Accelerated Learning Academy.

Active Generations is an intergenerational nutrition/physical activity program that promotes the importance of physical activity and a healthy diet to assist in combating the obesity epidemic plaguing today's children. Training on the nutrition/physical activity program will be provided.

If you would like more information about the Active Generations program, or are interested in volunteering please contact Shirley Fisher at OASIS at 412-232-9519 or sfisher@oasisnet.org.

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Santa and Several Local Children Enjoy the BGC's Community Holiday Celebration



Photos courtesy of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation's Youth Development Center

ON THE EVENING OF FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, SEVERAL LOCAL FAMILIES AND CHILDREN BRAVED THE SNOW AND COLD TO GATHER AT THE BGC'S COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE ANNUAL BGC COMMUNITY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION. GUESTS ENJOYED THE HOLIDAY TREATS, CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE, BUT THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENING WAS A VISIT FROM OLD SAINT NICK HIMSELF.

THANK YOU TO CISP AND THE MANY COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO HELPED TO DECORATE FOR AND STAFF THE EVENT!

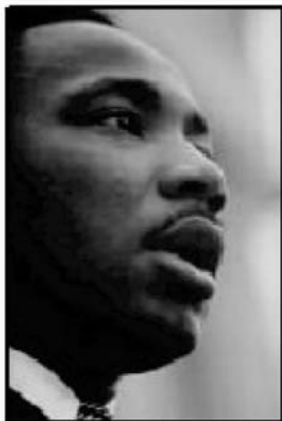
BGC Youth Employment Program Offers Career Opportunities for Youths Ages 18-21.



Photos courtesy of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation's Youth Development Center

A NUMBER OF AREA YOUTHS ARE WORKING IN LOCAL BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS AS PART OF THE BLOOMFIELD GARFIELD CORPORATION'S EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM. EMPLOYERS INCLUDE SHADYSIDE HOSPITAL, MELLON BANK, LOFFERT ELECTRIC, LITTLE ANGELS DAYCARE AND FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD, JUST TO NAME A FEW. FROM ELECTRICAL WORK TO MEDICAL FILING TO FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND FOOD PREPARATION, THE PROGRAM IS A CHANCE FOR YOUTHS TO EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS, LEARN NEW SKILLS, AND EVEN FIND PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT.

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS MUST BE OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL AND UNDER 22 YEARS OF AGE. TO JOIN THE PROGRAM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 412-441-9833.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration 2007

Monday, January 15th

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

BGC Community Activity Center
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Anyone can participate!...

Churches, school, organizations, individuals, and anyone that would like to honor Dr. King's birthday in a special way.

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Good Dog, Devon!

One-year old Devon is a beautiful dark brindle Boxer/Bull Terrier mix. He was found wandering around outside, hungry and emaciated -- truly a pitiful sight. He is calm for his age and breed mix. He is a good leash walker and especially likes to have his belly rubbed! Devon has a piercing gaze and will occasionally crack a crooked Boxer grin that is irresistible!

For more information on Devon or other pets who need homes, please contact the Animal Rescue League of Western Pennsylvania, 6620 Hamilton Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206. They can be reached by calling 412.661.6452 Ext. 215 or go to www.animalrescue.org to see all available pets.

GOOD DOG is written by Jay Bernard, a "foster parent" for shelter dogs. Each month the column features an animal up for adoption by local shelters or tips for dog owners.

Expanded Children's Healthcare Program and AdultBasic Provide Health Insurance for Working Families in Pennsylvania

An expanded children's healthcare program introduced by **By Mandy Kendall** *The Bulletin* www.compass.state.pa.us, or call 1-888-764-0348.

Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell will extend the state's current Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to thousands of additional children in the state whose families cannot afford health insurance.

"Cover All Kids," as the new program is called, will provide healthcare coverage to any child in the commonwealth who is without health insurance, with the family's premium based on a sliding scale of income.

The new program will not take effect until later this month, but the state is encouraging all those interested to contact the commonwealth as soon as possible.

Under the program's previous eligibility requirements, a family of four making up to \$40,000 could receive free healthcare for their children, with the same coverage being provided for a small fee to a family of four making up to \$47,000. The new program requirements will still provide free healthcare to children whose families make under certain income levels, but now any child, regardless of their family's income, will be eligible to take part in the program, with may receive help from the program for a fee based on their family's total income.

To be eligible, children must be Pennsylvania residents, not eligible for Medicaid or have any other health insurance, under age 19 and meet citizenship requirements. To prevent families who can afford insurance from abusing the program, the expanded program requires all new applicants whose annual income is above certain levels to show that the children have been uninsured for six months. This does not apply to children two years old or younger, children who have lost health benefits because a parent lost their job or children who are moving from another public insurance program.

For more information on Cover All Kids, or to apply for CHIP go to

are currently without health insurance coverage, but who are ineligible for Medicaid or other insurance programs, the state offers a program called adultBasic. AdultBasic provides basic low-cost healthcare coverage to adults ages 19-64 who have no other healthcare coverage (including Medicaid or Medicare). Applicants must be U.S. citizens or have permanent legal alien status; have lived in Pennsylvania for at least 90 days prior to enrolling in the program; and must have had no healthcare coverage for 90 days prior to enrolling, with the exception of those who have lost coverage due to being laid off from a job. The program provides basic benefits that include hospitalization, physician services, emergency services, diagnostic tests, maternity care, and rehabilitation and skilled care.

AdultBasic coverage requires a \$33 monthly premium, with co-pays of \$5.00 for doctor's visits, \$10.00 for specialist visits, and \$25.00 for emergency room visits (unless admission occurs).

Eligibility for adultBasic is based on income and family size. Current income eligibility requirements, based on 2006 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines, are as follows: 1 person, \$19,600; 2 people, \$26,400; 3 people, \$33,200; 4 people, \$40,400; 5 people, \$46,800; 6 people, \$53,600; 7 people, \$60,400; 8 people, \$67,200.

The adultBasic program does currently have a waiting list, but the state encourages applicants to apply regardless, as the state continues to move people off the waiting list and into the program. The time spent on the waiting list depends on when you apply - so the earlier you apply for coverage, the sooner you may be moved into the program.

Applications for enrollment in the adultBasic program are available by calling 1-800-GO-BASIC (1-800-462-2742) or at www.compass.state.pa.us.


New Traffic Law Goes Into Effect in January

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation announced today that a new law, which goes into effect in January, will require motorists to turn on their headlights anytime their vehicles wipers are in continuous or intermittent use due to weather or other atmospheric conditions such as fog or mist.

Motorists who do not comply with the law could face a fine of \$25, but with fees and other associated costs, the penalty would approach \$100.


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Winning Edge Campaign School will be offered January 19-21, 2007 in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Women's Campaign Fund, as part of the national Ready to Run network. This is an in-depth training that provides the opportunity to really see what it takes to run a successful campaign. Whether you live in Pittsburgh and the SWPA region, in Central PA, or in Southeastern PA, the time & travel will be well worth it!

Information on the training and a registration form are attached, but please act soon as space is limited. The deadline to return the registration form and \$100 tuition fee is January 6, 2007.

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growth in the neighborhoods must be created by area residents, business owners, stakeholders and community organizations, rather than by government officials on Grant Street. It means that we will invest in mixed-use developments in neighborhood business districts to promote long-term vitality. And it means that we should prioritize both the preservation of historic buildings and the promotion of "green" standards for new buildings to help protect our environment.

For community-based economic development to be successful, we must think regionally. By working with others to develop a county-wide plan, we can strategically address the many pieces needed for successful growth, including zoning changes, transportation improvements and workforce development. We can also begin to attract new clusters of industry through targeted incentives that will make Pittsburgh competitive in the 21st Century economy.

I appreciate your past support and look forward to working with everyone this coming year. Here's to a new year and to a bright future for Pittsburgh!

SMART PEOPLE, From Page 1

because she thought it was exactly the type of house and neighborhood in which a Carnegie Mellon professor and his wife might have made their home 20 years ago, when the movie takes place.

But it was not just the house, but the neighborhood, that attracted Podesta to this location. "We love that neighborhood," she says, pointing to the real sense of community that the neighborhood emits. The homes, she says, were close, but not piled on top of each other, making the "feel" of the neighborhood perfect for showing what genteel surroundings the characters live in, yet how separated they are from that life by being caught up in their own issues.

Podesta says the film crew took over the house for close to four weeks, with thirteen days spent preparing the home, and two weeks spent on the actual filming.

Preparations included repainting and remodeling the entire kitchen, moving furniture out of the home, and removing many of the owners' antiques to give the home a more 1970's style décor to complement the look of the film.

Neighbors then watched as giant lights and other filming equipment were erected outside the home to create the atmosphere for the story that would

unfold inside.

During the preparation, the Mangans stayed in the apartment on the third floor of the house; once filming began, they were moved to the same hotel where the film crew was staying.

Podesta said that although the process was a big interruption to the Mangans, they were more than happy to have their home used in the film, saying that they felt that they had purchased to home in order to share it with others. In fact, Podesta says that the Mangans may show their home at next year's Friendship House Tour, to let neighbors see what the house looked like during the filming.

The rest of the movie, set entirely in Pittsburgh, was filmed on the campus of Carnegie Mellon University, with many students used as extras.

A release date for the film has not yet been set, so keep your eyes peeled for Friendship to make still another appearance on the big screen.

Smart People was written by award-winning novelist Mark Poirier; directed by award winning commercial director Noam Murro; produced by award winning producers Michael Costigan and Bridget Johnson; and produced and financed by award winning producer Michael London and Bruna Papandrea.

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For preschoolers. Saturday, January 27, 11 a.m.

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Shopping on the WWW

Learn the basics of savvy shopping on the WWW, including how to find good deals and product reviews, and how to be sure your personal information is secure. Prerequisite: Learn the WWW class or solid Mouse, Keyboard, Windows, and Internet experience. Saturday, January 27 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

To register for these classes or for more information about our free computer classes, call the PC Center-East Liberty at 412-363-6105. This service has been funded

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Story and Book Bingo

For ages 6 and up. Wednesday, January 24th from 5-6 p.m.



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avoiding regret.

The facts are in, and someday we will all lie on our deathbed looking back through the history of our lives. We will undoubtedly think about what we wished we had done or accomplished. I, for one, don't want to regret what could have been, what should have been. So I am deciding today to pursue my dreams.

So, I ask again. What's on your agenda for 2007?

Use your talents, resources and skills to do something extraordinary with your life.

"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat." -- Teddy Roosevelt

Until next time, I wish you the true riches of life, love, peace, happiness, and the time to enjoy it all. Happy New Year.

Carol Briney is a Speaker, Trainer, and Holistic Professional Organizer. She can be reached at universalorder@comast.net 412.781.8773

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PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL "ALL CLASSES" REUNION

Come join your former classmates and friends for a Peabody High Class Reunion for "ALL Classes," on Wednesday, July 4, 2007. The theme will be "Remembering Garfield, The Way It Was." The reunion will take place at the St. Lawrence O'Toole Activity Center, located at 140 N. Atlantic Avenue in Garfield from 6 p.m. til 12 a.m. After you've had the picnic with your families, join us for an evening of "Remembrance, Dance and Song." For more information, please contact Michelle Glass-Franklin at (323) 496-0412 or by e-mail at LHFfranklin@msn.com; or Roxanne Miles-Thomas at (412) 661-2710 We hope to see you all there!!!

PANIC-ANXIETY / DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP

A Panic-Anxiety / Depression support group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at U.C.P. Community Center, 4638 Centre Avenue at Neville Street in Oakland. For information, call 412-255-1155, or just drop by. NO FEE.

CALL FOR MLK DAY PERFORMERS & VOLUNTEERS

Honor the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with your time and talent! Performers and volunteers are needed for the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation's annual MLK Day Community Celebration on Monday, January 15, 2007 from 1 - 4 p.m. Performances will be scheduled throughout that timeframe, and we welcome and encourage poetry, music, dancing, artwork, or other creative acknowledgements. For those with stage fright or other off-stage abilities, we also need volunteer "talent" to help set up, run and break down the event. To sign up or for more information, please call the BGC office at 412-441-9833.

CONTACT PGH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Someone Needs to Talk. Will You Listen? CONTACT Pittsburgh, a crisis and suicide hotline, is looking for non-judgmental listeners to provide immediate emotional support to adults and teens. Volunteer Crisis Line Specialists are needed to work at the center's crisis hotline, which is staffed 365 days a year. Last year, trained volunteers handled more than 20,000 calls from adults and teens with problems ranging from family conflict and physical abuse to addiction and suicide. This is a very rewarding experience. Applications are being accepted for the award-winning, 30-hour training course. Participation is mandatory at all training sessions. Classes will be held on January 16 from 6-9 p.m.; January 20 & 27 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and February 3 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (Make-up date in case of snow: February

10) All sessions will be held around the Oakland area. Upon completion of the training, volunteers are asked to work 8 to 12 service hours per month. For additional information about becoming a volunteer, contact Christy Stuber of CONTACT Pittsburgh at 412-820-0100 or cstuber@contactpgh.org.

LITERACY VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED!

Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council (GPLC), Pennsylvania's second largest adult education agency, is seeking volunteers to teach Basic Literacy (reading, writing, math, computer skills) to adult students throughout the East End neighborhoods. This January, GPLC is offering a workshop for volunteers wishing to tutor Basic Literacy. This workshop will be held in East Liberty at the GPLC Main Office on January 20 and 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This workshop provides volunteer tutors with 12 hours of training that equips them with the necessary skills to help their students. Advance registration is required. To obtain more information and registration forms, please call Peggi at 412-661-7323 or visit our website at www.gplc.org.

CALL FOR POEM: PERMANENT PUBLIC ART

The Friendship Development Associates is seeking an original poem that will be engraved on four new public benches to be installed at Baum Grove (400 Roup Avenue). Call 412-441-6147 x 6 or email Courtney@friendship-pgh.org for submission information. Deadline: January 5, 2007.

WRITING CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS WITH HEARING LOSS

High school students with hearing loss in 10th and 11th grade can compete in the second annual SPIRIT Writing Contest, sponsored by Rochester Institute of Technology's National Technical Institute for the Deaf. Winners have their choice of a scholarship and paid travel expenses to Explore Your Future, a week-long summer career exploration program at RIT for students with hearing loss, or a \$500 cash prize and all-expenses-paid two-day visit with a parent to RIT. Teachers are asked to help their students participate by submitting samples of their students' writing. Samples of class work may include essays, reports, poems or short stories, as well as other samples. For complete contest guidelines and entry information, visit www.rit.edu/NTID/WritingContest. The deadline to submit writing portfolios is Feb. 1. For more information, contact WritingContest@ntid.rit.edu, or call (585) 475-6723 (voice/TTY). Rochester Institute of Technology is internationally recognized as a leader in computing, engineering, imaging technology, fine and applied arts, and for providing unparalleled support services for students with

hearing loss. RIT is home to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, where more than 1,100 students with hearing loss from around the world study, live, and socialize with 14,400 hearing students on RIT's Rochester, NY campus. U.S. News and World Report has consistently ranked RIT among the nation's leading comprehensive universities.

DEEP WITHIN MY SOUL EXHIBIT

Everyone and Artist, Pittsburgh's only gallery devoted to artists with disabilities, presents "Deep Within My Soul: Artwork by Debbie Bobeck." The exhibit runs from January 19 to March 2, 2007. An opening reception will be held on Friday, January 19 from 6-9 p.m. The reception is free and all are welcome. Everyone an Artist is located at 4128 Butler Street in Lawrenceville. Gallery Hours are Mondays & Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., or by appointment. For more information, please call 412-681-2404 or e-mail efilar2aemhmr.org. Everyone an Artist is an expressive arts initiative of Allegheny east MH/MR.

ALLEY UP FOR ANIMAL FRIENDS!

Love animals? Have some...spare...time? Then this event is right up your alley! Come support Animal Friends by joining us for the best indoor wintertime sport—bowling! Cris Winter is helping us host "Alley Up For Animal Friends," our third annual and always sold-out bowling extravaganza. This year, we'll be knocking down pins on Sunday, January 28 from 2 - 5 p.m. at Arsenal Bowling Lanes in Lawrenceville (212 44th and Butler Streets). Don't miss your chance to register for three games of bowling plus plenty of pizza and pop. Bowlers of all ages and skill levels will also enjoy prizes, auctions and nuzzles of appreciation from our bunny, canine, and feline guests of honor. Register one person for \$25 or a team of six for \$150. All proceeds will benefit the homeless cats, dogs and rabbits at Animal Friends, Pittsburgh's comprehensive companion animal resource center. Don't end up in the gutter—register by January 25 by calling 412-847-7055 or emailing specialevents@animal-friends.org.

"YEAR OF GLASS" FOR FRIENDSHIP HOUSE TOUR

2007 is the "Year of Glass," an effort to promote the Pittsburgh region as a vivacious cultural community through collaborative efforts focused around glass and how it has shaped the past, present and future of the region. As part of the Year of Glass, the Friendship House Tour committee would like to feature houses on the 2007 House Tour that have beautiful stained glass and/or lots of glass of any description and/or whose owners collect glass, and/or even someone whose name

is Glass. To set the stage for the 2007 Friendship House Tour, the Pittsburgh Glass Center will be the starting point. If you and/or your house fit the bill and you would consider having your house on the tour in September 2007, please contact Sarah Collins at 412.441.6147 ext. # 7 or email her at sarah@friendship-pgh.org. If you have any apprehension about opening your house, please let Sarah know and she can put you in touch with homeowners who have had their house on tour to talk with you about their experience.

NEW CLAY CLASSES AT THE UNION PROJECT

Check out the website www.unionproject.org/ceramics to see a full class listing for new and upcoming ceramics classes offered at the Union Project. Classes will be starting in January and include Open Studio, Wheel Throwing for Beginners, and Mosaic Mural Installation. All classes are 8 weeks. Prices and more information can be found on the website or by emailing clay@unionproject.org.

F'SHIP FLOWER & FOLK FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Though the cold weather is coming, it's not too early to begin thinking about spring and the Friendship Flower and Folk Festival. We are looking for people to be on the planning committee -- whatever your interest or skill, we can accommodate it and the festival will be richer for it. Meetings begin in January. Interested? Contact Martha Terry (materry@pitt.edu)

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DANCE ALLOY THEATRE SPRING 2007 CLASSES

The Dance Alloy Theater School announces two NEW class offerings, Afro Modern II: New World Fusion and Hip Hop III, during its 2007 Spring School Term, which begins January 20 and runs through April 20, 2007. **Afro Modern II: New World Fusion** explores contemporary dance with popular styles from Africa, Caribbean and the Americas like R&B, reggae, hip-hop, sokous and mbalax. To the delight of current Hip Hop I and II students, **Hip Hop III** will focus on developing improvisational skills and musicality. Taught by Scott Lowe, one of Dance Alloy

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Theater's own company members, the class will explore many styles of the form, but the focus will be on "house" and "locking." A range of creative movement classes continue to be offered for children as young as three, including First Steps, Creative Movement, Creative Pre Ballet and Introduction to Dance as well as a variety of classes for tweens, teens and adults. From Modern Technique, Jazz and Ballet to Hip Hop, Salsa and Middle Eastern Dance to the popular Pilates classes, Dance Alloy Theater has something for everyone. All dance and movement classes are taught in a fun, creative and uniquely non-competitive environment with seasoned master teachers, often with live accompaniment. The complete schedule of classes is now available online at www.dancealloy.org. Registration by January 5th receives a \$10 discount. For more information or to register, please call 412-363-4321 or visit www.dancealloy.org.

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the Pittsburgh Job Corps Center? Did you know that the Pittsburgh Job Corps Center trainees participate in work-based learning projects in the community? Did you know that the Pittsburgh Job Corps Center provides training in G.E.D. preparation, high school diploma preparation and driver education? Did you know that the Pittsburgh Job Corps Center trains young adults ages 16-24 in vocational trades on center and also off-center in educational programs at the Community College of Allegheny County? Did you know that the Pittsburgh Job Corps Center helps employers design training for their entry level employees? Did you know that Pittsburgh Job Corps Center assists employers in their hiring process by providing skilled graduates in business office technology, manufacturing, electrician helpers, culinary arts, warehouse operations, facilities maintenance, nursing assistants, heavy equipment operators, heavy equipment mechanics and CISCO networking systems? Did you know that Pittsburgh Job Corps Center houses up to 350 trainees? Did you know that Pittsburgh Job Corps Center serves 850 trainees a year? Did you know that the Department of Labor supports the Pittsburgh Job Corps Center? Did you know that Pittsburgh Job Corps Center training is free? The Pittsburgh Job Corps Center is located in the Highland Park / East Liberty area. For more information, please call 412-441-8665. Web site is <http://pittsburgh.jobcorps.gov>.

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these houses as financially attractive to potential buyers as possible," Ms. Monroe said recently. "Buyers are eligible for deferred-payment financing for as much as 40% of the sales prices. That financing comes at an interest rate of 0%, courtesy of the city's Urban Redevelopment Authority."

Monroe said her housing counseling staff has been able to match the buyers' funds with down payment grants available through several area lenders. "This has put the purchase of these homes within reach of working-class households. Sometimes, even a 3% down payment requirement can be difficult for buyers to find. What is also rewarding is that nearly all of our buyers to date are African-American, and the majority of them have come from Garfield or other East End neighborhoods."

Buyers receive the benefit of a limited warranty on the workmanship provided to the two community groups by the general contractor, Steve Catranel Construction Co. of Wilkins Township. "Steve is a third-generation home-builder who stands behind his work", Ms. Monroe said. "Our buyers need to know that if things go wrong with the house, as they invariably do, he will stand behind his product. They won't have to be calling a factory somewhere in the middle part of the state."

Interested parties can contact Barb Murphy at Garfield Jubilee for more information at 412-665-5208.

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what appeared to be a drug transaction at the corner of Dearborn St. and N. Winebiddle St. between a 36 year-old male and a 43 year-old female. Both were stopped, and searched, and found to be in possession of heroin, crack cocaine, and powdered cocaine. The male was charged with possession, and the female with possession of, with intent to deliver, crack cocaine.

• On Thursday, November 9, at 1:42 a.m., detectives from the Impact Squad stopped a vehicle for violation of traffic laws in the 4700 block of Friendship Avenue. Due to suspicious behavior on the part of the 24 year-old driver, the detectives patted down the driver for a possible weapon. The detectives discovered 20 stamp bags of heroin and a bag of crack cocaine on his person. The driver was arrested and charged with intent to deliver crack cocaine and heroin.

• On Saturday, November 11, at 12:45 a.m., detectives from the Impact Squad stopped a vehicle for violation of traffic laws at the intersection of Columbo and Fannel Streets. The license information which the driver submitted to the detectives proved to be false, at which point the detectives placed him under arrest. A search of the individual's record found two outstanding felony warrants, one of which was for illegal possession of a firearm. During a search of his person, he was found to be in possession of heroin, and was subsequently charged with possession of, with intent to deliver, heroin.

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